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INTERVENTION

# INTERVENTION WEBINAR

What Happens if a Loved One  
Leaves Treatment Against  
Medical Advice (AMA)?

🔊 Starting Soon



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Mike has an extensive history of helping families treat addiction. He is an authority in addiction treatment and remains dedicated to providing hands-on expertise at our clinic.

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# Understanding AMA (Against Medical Advice)



- **Definition and Meaning of AMA, ACA, and ASA**
  - **Common Scenarios Leading to AMA**
  - **Risks and Consequences of Leaving Treatment AMA**
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# Challenges in Treatment

- **Behavioral Issues Post-Detox**
  - **Importance of Changing Perception, Thoughts, and Behaviors**
  - **Environmental Factors Influencing AMA Decisions**
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# Family Dynamics and AMA

- **Role of the Family in Treatment and Recovery**
  - **Impact of Family Behavior on Patient's Decision to Leave Treatment**
  - **Importance of Holding Boundaries and Accountability**
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# Common Excuses for Leaving Treatment AMA

- **Typical Excuses Given by Patients**
    - Discomfort with Facility or Staff
    - External Obligations and Events
    - False Promises of Continuing Treatment Elsewhere
  
  - **Addressing and Countering These Excuses**
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# Consequences for Leaving Treatment AMA



- **Immediate and Long-Term Risks**
    - Resumption of Substance Use
    - Legal and Employment Issues
    - Health and Safety Risks
    - Impact on Family and Relationships
  
  - **Real-Life Outcomes and Statistics**
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# Prevention and Intervention Strategies

- **Importance of a Strong Therapeutic Relationship and ROI**
  - **Role of Professional Interventionists**
  - **Family Recovery Coaching and Support**
  - **Collaborative Efforts Between Treatment Centers and Families**
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# Effective Communication and Support

- **Weekly Meetings and Updates**
  - **Family Support Groups and Resources**
  - **Homework and Self-Help Groups  
(Al-Anon, ACOA, CoDA)**
  - **Individual Support for Families**
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# Actionable Steps for Families

- **Creating and Enforcing Consequences and Boundary Letters**
  - **Importance of Follow-Through on Boundaries**
  - **Strategies for Responding to AMA Attempts**
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# Case Studies and Examples



- **Success Stories of Families Holding Boundaries**
  - **Examples of Common Excuses and Effective Responses**
  - **Lessons Learned from Previous Interventions**
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# Stop Accepting Excuses and Start Getting Help

**Questions? The Floor Is Yours!**

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